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**Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
7th Term of Wan Chai District Council
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

Date: 28 May 2024 (Tuesday)
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Venue: District Council Conference Room, Wan Chai District Office,
21/F Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong

<u>Present</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>
<u>Chairperson</u>		
Mr LAM Wai-man, Anson	3:00 p.m.	3:48 p.m.

<u>Vice Chairperson</u>		
Mr CHOW Kam-wai, BBS, MH	3:00 p.m.	3:48 p.m.

<u>Members</u>		
Mr LEE Man-lung, Joey, MH	3:00 p.m.	3:48 p.m.
Ms LEE Pik-yee, Peggy, MH	3:00 p.m.	3:48 p.m.
Ms MOK Ruby	3:00 p.m.	3:48 p.m.
Ms LAU Pui-shan, MH	3:00 p.m.	3:48 p.m.
Mr MUK Ka-chun	3:00 p.m.	3:48 p.m.

Representatives of Core Government Departments

Mr CHEUNG Ho-yat, Steven	Assistant District Officer (Wan Chai) Home Affairs Department
Mr LEE Pao-wan, Ken	District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr MA Che-kong, Edwin	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Wan Chai Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHUNG Suk-yan, Janet	Manager (Hong Kong East) Marketing, Programme & District Activities Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHOW Pui-yee, Annabelle	Assistant Manager (Hong Kong East) Marketing, Programme & District Activities Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHEUNG Pui-yee	Senior Librarian (Wan Chai) Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAM Fong-shing, Florence	Senior School Development Officer (Wan Chai & Island) Education Bureau

Representatives of Other Government Department

Ms WOO Mei-hing, Patricia	District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern & Wan Chai), Social Welfare Department
Mr. TSANG Kwok Hung, Kenneth	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern/Wan Chai) ³ Social Welfare Department

Secretary

Ms LI Shuen-kei, Eva	Executive Officer (District Council) ² /Wan Chai, Home Affairs Department
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Opening Remarks

1. The Chairperson welcomed all Members and representatives of government departments to the 3rd meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CICRC”) of the 7th Wan Chai District Council (“WCDC”).

Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee of the Wan Chai District Council

2. The Chairperson said that the Secretariat had received no proposed amendments to the minutes of the 2nd meeting.

3. With a motion moved by Ms LAU Pui-shan and seconded by Mr MUK Ka-chun, the minutes of the 2nd meeting were confirmed.

Item 2: Report on Extension Activities and Usage of Public Libraries in Wan Chai District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(CICRC Paper No. 10/2024)

4. The Chairperson invited representatives of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to brief Members on Paper No. 10/2024.

5. Ms CHEUNG Pui-yee, Senior Librarian (Wan Chai), LCSD, brief Members on the paper.

6. There being no questions from Members, the Chairperson invited Members to note the above paper.

Item 3: Report on Extension Activities of Public Libraries in Wan Chai District in 2023-2024 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(CICRC Paper No. 11/2024)

7. The Chairperson invited representatives of LCSD to brief Members on Paper No. 11/2024.

8. Ms CHEUNG Pui-yee, Senior Librarian (Wan Chai), LCSD, brief Members on the paper.

9. There being no questions from Members, the Chairperson invited Members to note the above paper.

Item 4: Report on Recreation and Sports Programmes Organised in Wan Chai District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(CICRC Paper No. 12/2024)

10. The Chairperson invited representatives of LCSD to brief Members on Paper No. 12/2024.

11. Mr LEE Pao-wan, Ken, District Leisure Services Manager (Wan Chai) of LCSD, brief Members on the paper.

12. Members enquired about the reasons for the actual number of participants of the "Tai Chi Training Course" being lower than the estimated number, and asked about the publicity arrangements of the Department for the ethnic minority groups.

13. Mr LEE Pao-wan, Ken, District Leisure Services Manager (Wan Chai) of LCSD, responded that during the launching stage of the intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system (SmartPLAY system), members of the public were not accustomed to the use of it yet, in particular the elderly, as such some of the participants had even submitted enrolment applications late. The Department had deployed customer service ambassadors at various LCSD venues to provide assistance to the public, hoping that the enrolment situation would improve. Besides, the activities organized by the Department are suitable for people of different ages and abilities. The Department had already uploaded all the information of the activities to SmartPLAY, and could share the information in accordance with the list of organizations provided by Members, so as to let the relevant organizations help in promotion.

14. Members suggested that LCSD could share the publicity materials of SmartPLAY so that Members could assist in promotion to public. Mr LEE Pao-wan, Ken, District Leisure Services Manager (Wan Chai) of LCSD, agreed and would forward them to Members through the Secretariat after the meeting.

[Post-meeting note: The Wan Chai District Council Secretariat has already forwarded the information provided by the LCSD to Members by email on 26 June 2024].

15. The Chairperson invited Members to note the above paper.

Item 5: Report on Recreation and Sports Programmes Organised in Wan Chai District in 2023-2024 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(CICRC Paper No. 13/2024)

16. The Chairperson invited representatives of LCSD to brief Members on Paper No. 13/2024.

17. Mr LEE Pao-wan, Ken, District Leisure Services Manager (Wan Chai) of LCSD, brief Members on the paper.

18. Members enquired about the actual number of participants in the "7-a-side Soccer" event under "Team Events" in the Annex.

19. Mr LEE Pao-wan, Ken, District Leisure Services Manager (Wan Chai) of LCSD, said that supplementary information would be provided later.

[Post-meeting note: LCSD revised the actual number of participants of the event to 175 and the total number of participants of recreation and sports programmes in 2023-2024 was adjusted to 43,068 accordingly].

20. The Chairperson invited Members to note the above paper.

Item 6: Report on Arts and Cultural Activities Organised in Wan Chai District in 2024-2025 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(CICRC Paper No. 14/2024)

21. The Chairperson invited representatives of LCSD to brief Members on Paper No. 14/2024.

22. Ms CHUNG Suk-yen, Janet, Manager (Hong Kong East) Marketing, Programme & District Activities of LCSD, brief Members on the paper.

23. Members enquired on whether “Rhythm Booster!” held by the Upcycled Instrument Exhibition and Interactive Touring Performance of Sankofa Hong Kong African Arts and Culture Association as listed on the paper should be held in a private venue, and were concerned about the safety of the event being held on a rooftop and whether the organizer had taken out relevant insurance.

24. Ms CHUNG Suk-yen, Janet, Manager (Hong Kong East) Marketing, Programme & District Activities of LCSD, responded that the organizers were required to take out relevant insurance policies, details of which would be enquired from the responsible sections in LCSD.

[Post-meeting note: According to LCSD, all "Community Cultural Ambassadors" (the organizers) were required under the contract to take out appropriate insurance policies, including a public liability insurance policy jointly underwritten by the arts group and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, which would be in force during the term of the scheme to cover all participants. The limit of indemnity shall not be less than HK\$10,000,000 per accident with no limit on the number of claims].

25. Members followed up and asked whether it would be more appropriate for the event to be held in a public or government venue, which would enable more public to participate. Besides, the venue of the event was located in a building with staircases on the ground floor, which was not convenient for disabilities.

26. Ms CHUNG Suk-yen, Janet, Manager (Hong Kong East) Marketing, Programme & District Activities of LCSD, responded that the event was open and free of charge, and members of the public could enter and leave the venues freely. Activities under the “Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme” were held at various venues in all 18 districts, including public and government venues, and the Department would enquire with the responsible sections on the relevant arrangements for assistance to people with disabilities.

[Post-meeting note: According to LCSD, the “Community Cultural Ambassadors Scheme” aimed to bring performing arts to the community. Audience-building activities targeted at the general public were held in various districts of Hong Kong, and they were open and welcoming to the public and people with different needs. In arranging the activities, the "Community Cultural Ambassadors" would select suitable venues with accessible facilities according to the characteristics of the activities, so as to facilitate all the participating performers and members of the public].

27. Members considered that the venue was not suitable for disabilities, and the activity should be held in public or government venues to enhance publicity.

[Post-meeting note: LCSD advised that the relevant "Community Cultural Ambassadors" would identify new suitable venues in the district for organizing the Upcycled Instrument Exhibition and Interactive Touring Performance, after taking into consideration the constraints of the current venue and facilities.]

28. The Chairperson invited Members to note the above paper.

Item 7: Report on Arts and Cultural Activities Organised in Wan Chai District in 2023-2024 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Wan Chai District in 2023-2024
(CICRC Paper No. 15/2024)

29. The Chairperson invited representatives of LCSD to brief Members on Paper No. 15/2024.

30. Ms CHUNG Suk-yen, Janet, Manager (Hong Kong East) Marketing, Programme & District Activities of LCSD, brief Members on the paper.

31. Regarding the venues for the "Songs for Everyone" Workshops, Members suggested that the Department should consider organizing it in other more suitable venues so as to attract the participation of the public, including people with disabilities. In addition, Members considered that it would be difficult to reflect the actual effectiveness of the activity by counting the number of video views on the Internet as the number of audience participating in the activity.

32. The Chairperson invited Members to note the above paper.

**Item 8: Work Plan of Eastern and Wan Chai District Social Welfare Office in 2024-2025 by the Social Welfare Department
(CICRC Paper No. 16/2024)**

33. The Chairperson welcomed representatives of the following government department to the meeting:

District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern and Wan Chai), Social Welfare Department (SWD)	Ms. WOO Mei-hing, Patricia
Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern and Wan Chai) 3, SWD	Mr. TSANG Kwok-hung, Kenneth

34. The Chairperson invited the representative of SWD to brief Members on Paper No. 16/2024.

35. Ms WOO Mei-hing, Patricia, District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern and Wan Chai), SWD, brief Members on the paper.

36. Members asked about the situation of Wan Chai in terms of the numbers of child abuse or elder abuse etc. when compared to the entire Hong Kong, and enquired about SWD's measures to deal with potential mental patients in the district.

37. Ms WOO Mei-hing, Patricia, District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern and Wan Chai), SWD, responded that the number of child abuse, elder abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases in Wan Chai was relatively small, and the number of cases was usually at the least of the 18 districts, as detailed on SWD's website. In addition, to assist persons with suspected mental health problems, the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs)

subsidised by SWD had been providing one-stop community mental health support services ranging from early prevention to risk management. At the same time, care in the neighborhood was also very important. Council members could refer to SWD the cases that required assistance, such as those with abnormal behaviors or those who were unable to take care of themselves etc. Depending on the circumstances, SWD would arrange specialized teams to provide assistance, and when necessary, it would exercise the power conferred by the law to compel people in need to be hospitalized for psychiatric treatment.

38. There being no follow-up questions from Members, the Chairperson declared that the discussion on the agenda was concluded, invited Members to note the above paper, and asked the representatives of SWD to leave the meeting first.

Item 9: Any Other Business

39. Members noted that the temperature of the water in indoor swimming pools under the management of LCSD was sometimes low in April and swimmers would easily catch cold and fall sick. In addition, Members pointed out that the drainage system of the Causeway Bay Sports Ground was ineffective, as the drainage pipe laying works finished before had not covered the jogging track, resulting in bubbles on the jogging track, which made it easy for joggers to trip and fall.

40. Mr LEE Pao-wan, Ken, District Leisure Services Manager (Wan Chai) of LCSD, responded that heated swimming pools under the management of LCSD would normally be provided with heated water from 1 November to 15 April of the following year except under special circumstances, while room temperature would be maintained for the water at other times. If the average temperature was below 23 degrees Celsius for three consecutive days, the LCSD would also provide heated water in accordance with the established procedures on days other than those from 1 November to 15 April of the following year, so as to maintain the appropriate water temperature of the pools. In addition, the Department would follow up the condition of the jogging track at the Causeway Bay Sports Ground.

Item 10: Date of Next Meeting

41. The Chairperson declared that the next meeting would be held on 23 July 2024 (Tuesday) at 3:00 pm.

42. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:48 pm.

Wan Chai District Council Secretariat
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